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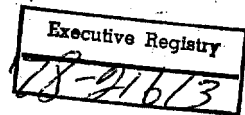
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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 24 January, regarding the provision in H. Res. 658 calling for an annual report to be submitted to the Committee, covering intelligence and intelligence-related activities of all elements of the Intelligence Community. I particularly appreciate your early request for such a report; this will enable us to work closely with Mr. Latimer to ensure the Committee's needs are met.

The utility of an annual report on intelligence activities has been recognized by the Executive Branch. Such a report has been prepared for the President over the past few years; copies of the most recent reports have been provided to our Congressional oversight committees. It has been my intention to provide your Committee a copy of my 1977 Annual Report as soon as it is completed and approved.

In order to avoid costly duplication of effort, it is my hope that a single report summarizing the year's developments in the Intelligence Community can serve the purposes of both the Executive Branch and the Congress. I suggest that Mr. Latimer review the 1977 Annual Report, and then meet with a representative of my Office of Legislative Counsel to discuss whether this meets the needs of the Committee.

I note that H. Res. 658 calls for an unclassified version of the annual report. While I am determined that the Intelligence Community be as open as possible, I must defer on a commitment to provide an unclassified annual report. Past annual reports have not been issued in unclassified form, but the 1977 report will be studied after completion to determine if this is feasible. We will want to discuss this question with Mr. Latimer.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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